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188 W. 8<sup>th</sup> Ave.

MONMOUTH, ILL.

Mrs. J. P. Mc. Gibb

Emerson

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Monmouth, Ill.

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Dear Mamma!

This is Sunday evening and I write a little - I went to church this morning. It was Childrens Day. The exercises were not as good as we had at Emerson but the music was fine.

Miss Carrie Sipher is the leader of the choir and she is a beautiful singer.

She sang a solo this morning - "The Sweet Story of Old" and it was lovely.

We heard her sing "The Holy City" two weeks ago.



I wish you could have  
heard it - She gets \$6 a  
Sunday for singing.

We went to a Law-  
social Thurs. evening given  
by the W. R. C. - The proceeds  
went to the Lippencott fund  
I suppose you know who  
Mrs. Lippencott was. An old  
army nurse. and the  
W. R. C's are raising money  
to lift a mortgage on  
her home.

We have had several  
messes of peas from our  
garden - have you?

So Horace and Sadie are  
married - will they choose

an awful hot time I think  
I wonder if there wasit any  
ministers in Council B. I  
see they went to the J. P.  
I have written to Mate -  
I know the house they have  
bought. It is a nice little  
place. I wish I did have  
some of your goose berries -  
for pie. - I make my pie  
crust of butter, flour, salt, &  
water - no lard and it is  
pretty good. I make Maug  
Clemmer's cream pie and it  
is awful good. I made one  
today (had the shell baked  
yesterday). Harry was here  
for dinner today. Roy



has been coaxing - and  
gawing - and trying every  
way to get me to make  
some cookies but I havent  
any good receipt - My book  
gives such expensive receipts  
such as 1 cup of butter 6 eggs  
etc. - or else they are measured  
out by lbs. & ounces. I wish  
you would send me the  
receipt for those lemon  
snaps - that you got  
when you went to Ohio  
and I will try my luck.  
Sis is planning now to  
go on her trip the first  
of Aug. and it would be  
nice if you could come

there as we can use her  
room - when she is gone.  
Our north bed room only  
has one window and it is  
a narrow one - and it  
is terrible hot in there.

Tuesday. - Well I didn't  
get to write any yesterday. I  
washed and ironed and  
scrubbed and washed windows  
and swept and dusted  
yesterday besides several other  
odd jobs. so you see I am  
loafing today - we sold a  
mess of peas and radishes  
this morning got 20¢ for them.  
We will soon have lots of  
beans too. We are going to



have beet greens, peas and  
new potatoes for dinner.

You asked if we had used  
all our canned fruit -

Yes indeed long ago - Roy  
said to tell you we ate  
cans & all.

That little  
bug I told you about is  
getting so he stays here  
most of the time - Last  
night he slept on the foot  
of our bed all night and  
one other night he slept in  
the closet off from our  
room.

The Boston Store  
here had a shirt waist  
sale 3 days last week I  
got me a dandy for 29¢.

It is blue & white stripes with  
white sailor collar trimmed  
with nice embroidery; and  
then a little stand up  
collar faced with the blue  
for the points to turn back.  
The regular price of it was  
\$1.25. It is awful nice and  
feels so good on me.

We can get pictures here  
till July 1<sup>st</sup> for \$1.50 a doz.  
but we just can not spare  
the money. Roy needs new  
shoes and some shirts and  
we have so many places  
for the little we have.

He took a piece of marble  
work last week at too low



a price and didn't make  
much out of it. He has  
some more yet at Kirkwood  
but he, has to go on the  
train so you see that takes  
off a little - 34¢ the round  
trip - You do pretty well  
with your grocery bill to  
make \$40 do so long.

You could have fresh fish  
every day if you lived here  
There are several wagons that  
deliver it. They deliver ice  
cream too nearly all the  
milk wagons have a freezer  
right in their wagon.

Well I must close - Will  
answer Louie's letter soon  
As ever Carrie & Roy